

## REMARKS

Claims 1 -7, 10 - 11, 14, 17 - 20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, 14, and 17 have been amended. Claims 8 - 9, 12 - 13, and 15 - 16 have been cancelled.

The Examiner indicated that claims 9, 13 and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 now includes all the limitations of original claims 1, 8, and 9. Claim 10 now includes all the limitations of original claims 10, 12 and 13. Claim 14 now includes all the limitations of original claims 14, and 15 - 16.

This amendment should place this case in condition for passing to issue. Such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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